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To amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the sale or other disposition of any firearm or ammunition to any person who has been convicted of a violent misdemeanor, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NEGUSE (for himself, Mr. AUCHINCLOSS, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. CORREA, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. CROW, Mr. SWALWELL, Ms. NORTON, Mr. CARSON, Ms. STANSBURY, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, and Ms. SLOTKIN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be referred to as the “End Gun Vio-
5 lence Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON SALE OR OTHER DISPOSITION OF**
2 **A FIREARM OR AMMUNITION TO A PERSON**
3 **CONVICTED OF A VIOLENT MISDEMEANOR.**

4 Section 922(d) of title 18, United States Code, is
5 amended in the 1st sentence—

6 (1) in paragraph (10), by striking “or” at the
7 end;

8 (2) in paragraph (11), by striking the period
9 and inserting “; or”; and

10 (3) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(12) has been convicted in any court of a vio-
12 lent misdemeanor within the preceding 5 years.”.

13 **SEC. 3. DEFINITION OF VIOLENT MISDEMEANOR.**

14 Section 921(a) of title 18, United States Code, is
15 amended by adding at the end the following:

16 “(38)(A) The term ‘violent misdemeanor’ means an
17 offense that—

18 “(i) is a misdemeanor under Federal, State,
19 tribal, or local law; and

20 “(ii) has as an element—

21 “(I) the use, attempted use, or threatened
22 use of—

23 “(aa) physical force; or

24 “(bb) a deadly weapon;

25 “(II) the intent to cause physical injury; or

26 “(III) knowingly causing physical injury.

1 “(B)(i) A person shall not be considered to have been
2 convicted of such an offense for purposes of this chapter,
3 unless—

4 “(I) the person was represented by counsel in
5 the case, or knowingly and intelligently waived the
6 right to counsel in the case; and

7 “(II) in the case of a prosecution for an offense
8 described in this paragraph for which a person was
9 entitled to a jury trial in the jurisdiction in which
10 the case was tried, either—

11 “(aa) the case was tried by a jury, or

12 “(bb) the person knowingly and intel-
13 ligently waived the right to have the case tried
14 by a jury, by guilty plea or otherwise.

15 “(ii) A person shall not be considered to have been
16 convicted of such an offense for purposes of this chapter
17 if the conviction has been expunged or set aside, or is an
18 offense for which the person has been pardoned or has
19 had civil rights restored (if the law of the applicable juris-
20 diction provides for the loss of civil rights under such an
21 offense) unless the pardon, expungement, or restoration
22 of civil rights expressly provides that the person may not
23 ship, transport, possess, or receive firearms.”.

1 **SEC. 4. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

2 (a) Paragraphs (1)(B)(ii), (2), (4), and (5) of section
3 922(t) of title 18, United States Code, are each amended
4 by striking “receipt” and all that follows through “sub-
5 section (g)” and inserting “knowing sale or disposition of
6 a firearm by the licensee to such other person, or the re-
7 ceipt of a firearm by such other person would violate sub-
8 section (d), (g),”.

9 (b) Section 923(d)(1)(B) of such title is amended by
10 striking “section 922(g) and (n) of this chapter” and in-
11 serting “subsection (g) or (n) of section 922, and is not
12 a person to whom the knowing sale or disposition of a
13 firearm or ammunition is prohibited by section 922(d)”.

14 (c) Section 925A of such title is amended in para-
15 graph (2), by inserting “and to whom the knowing sale
16 or disposition of a firearm was not prohibited pursuant
17 to subsection (d) of such section” after “section 922”.

18 (d) Section 103 of the Brady Handgun Violence Pre-
19 vention Act (34 U.S.C. 40901) is amended—

20 (1) in subsection (e)(1)—

21 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “for
22 whom” and all that follows through “subsection
23 (g)” and inserting “to whom the knowing sale
24 or disposition of a firearm, or for whom receipt
25 of a firearm, would violate subsection (d), (g),”;
26 and

1 (B) in each of subparagraphs (F)(iii)(I)
2 and (G)(i), by striking “(g)” and inserting “(d),
3 (g),”;

4 (2) in subsection (g), by striking “receipt of a
5 firearm by a prospective transferee would violate
6 subsection (g)” and inserting “the knowing sale or
7 disposition of a firearm to, or the possession or re-
8 ceipt of a firearm by, a prospective transferee would
9 violate subsection (d), (g),”; and

10 (3) in subsection (i)(2), by striking “prohibited
11 by section 922 (g) or (n) of title 18, United States
12 Code or State law, from receiving a firearm.” and
13 inserting “to whom the knowing sale or disposition
14 of, or for whom the possession or receipt of, a fire-
15 arm is prohibited by subsection (d), (g), or (n) of
16 section 922 of title 18, United States Code, or State
17 law.”.

18 (e) Section 101(b) of the NICS Improvement Amend-
19 ments Act of 2007 (34 U.S.C. 40911(b)) is amended—

20 (1) in paragraph (1)(A), by striking “a person
21 is disqualified from possessing or receiving a firearm
22 under subsection (g)” and inserting “the knowing
23 sale or disposition of a firearm to, or the possession
24 or receipt of a firearm by, a person is prohibited
25 under subsection (d), (g),”; and

1 (2) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking “a member
2 of the Armed Forces involved in such proceeding is
3 disqualified from possessing or receiving a firearm
4 under subsection (g)” and inserting “the knowing
5 sale or disposition of a firearm to, or the possession
6 or receipt of a firearm by, a member of the Armed
7 Forces is prohibited under subsection (d), (g),”.

8 (f) Section 102 of the NICS Improvement Amend-
9 ments Act of 2007 (34 U.S.C. 40912) is amended—

10 (1) in subsection (b)(3)—

11 (A) by inserting “, or to whom the know-
12 ing sale or disposition of a firearm is prohib-
13 ited,” after “firearm”; and

14 (B) by striking “subsection (g)” and in-
15 serting “subsection (d), (g),”; and

16 (2) in subsection (c)(1)(A), by inserting “, or is
17 a person to whom the knowing sale or disposition of
18 a firearm is prohibited by subsection (d) of such sec-
19 tion” before the period.

20 **SEC. 5. APPLICABILITY.**

21 The amendments made by this Act shall not apply
22 with respect to convictions occurring before the date that
23 is 6 months after the date of enactment of this Act.

24 **SEC. 6. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**

25 Nothing in this Act shall—

1 (1) alter the requirements of subsections (d)(8)
2 or (g)(8) of section 922 of title 18, United States
3 Code; or

4 (2) have a limiting effect on State, tribal, or
5 local law.

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